

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 40. This sheet, which includes Fig. 40, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 40.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-11 and 13-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 9, 10, and 13 have been amended by being rewritten in independent form without the introduction of new matter. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from rewritten Claim 13 instead of canceled Claim 12 also without the introduction of new matter.

The outstanding Action includes an objection to FIG. 40, an objection to Claim 4, a rejection of Claims 1, 4, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Edic et al. (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0223636, Edic), a rejection of Claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edic, a rejection of Claims 2, 3, and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edic in view of Yanof et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,734,384, Yanof), and a rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edic in view of Yanof in further view of Glen Jr. et al. (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2005/0245803, Glen).

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 9-11 and 13 are only objected to as depending on a rejected claim and would be allowable if rewritten in the independent form noted.

Turning first to the objection to FIG. 40, this objection is respectfully submitted to be obviated by the attached replacement sheet of drawings that includes the required change to Fig. 40.

Turning to the objection to Claim 4, the rejection of Claims 1, 4, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Edic, the rejection of Claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edic, the rejection of Claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edic in view of Yanof, and the rejection of Claim 8 under

35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edic in view of Yanof in further view of Glen, the objection and rejections are respectfully submitted to be moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 1-8 and 12.

Furthermore, the allowance of Claims 9-11 and 13 is respectfully submitted to be in order because independent Claims 9, 10, and 13 have been amended by being rewritten in the independent form suggested by the outstanding Action, because Claim 11 depends from allowable Claim 10.

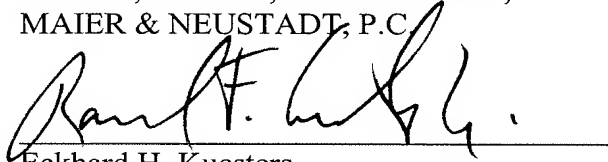
Also, as Claim 14 has been amended to depend from allowable Claim 13 and Claims 15-17 all depend directly or indirectly on Claim 14, the rejection of Claims 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edic in view of Yanof is respectfully submitted to be overcome and that Claims 14-17 should be considered allowable for the same reason as Claim 13 from which all of these claims depend directly or indirectly.

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As no further issues are outstanding, it is believed that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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